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or snow. Cloudy tomorrow.

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CITY MAY GET TAX RATE DOWN TO \$1.50

At a Meeting Held Last Night Reductions Were Agreed On in Several Departments.

A meeting of the finance committees of the aldermen and councilmen and the mayor, and Auditor Kirkland, will be held tonight to confer about the appropriations for all the departments of the city government this year.

A meeting of all of the members of the two legislative boards was held at the office of W. T. Miller, chairman of the finance committee of the aldermanic board, last night to discuss the appropriation act in a general way and exchange views on the question.

No definite information as to what was done was given out today, but enough is known to know that the appropriations will be cut in a good many of the departments enough to make a big reduction in the general expenses for this year, and that the tax rate can, and will most probably be, reduced at the least 25 cents on the \$100 to about \$1.50 or \$1.55.

Just what will be done about reducing the number of police was not given out but it is understood the force will be cut, but the fire department will not be.

The members of the new council will take care of the city's electric plant. Most probably the capacity will be increased a hundred and lights and machinery installed that will enable the city to furnish all the required incandescent lights for all of the city government and public buildings. The appropriation last year was \$10,000 and this year will probably be \$18,000. The plant will require \$5,000 to put it in condition to handle the present demands and about \$10,000 to give the wanted added improvements.

The appropriations last year were as follows:

Salaries,	\$17,500
Streets,	28,000
Fire department,	29,000
Police dept. & jailer,	24,460
Electric plant,	10,000
Water,	11,500
Real estate,	2,500
City hall,	1,500
Oak Grove,	2,500
Hospital, pauper and charity (including Home of the Friendless \$840.00),	6,000
Sanitary, including pesthouse	3,000
General expenses,	5,000
Contingent fund,	1,500
Costs and suits,	5,000
Interest,	25,500
Floating debt,	13,335
Sinking fund,	8,000
Library,	5,500
School,	35,000

For 1906 the salaries appropriation can hardly be reduced any, but the street appropriation will be cut to probably \$20,000. The fire department will require as much. The electric plant will be well taken care of, getting probably \$18,000, but the water appropriation can not be reduced. The interest and sinking fund accounts will be reduced a trifle, and there is no floating debt to take care of this year. Last year the city had an obligation of this nature of \$13,335. Just what the schools will get has not been determined, and the library appropriation will be about the same as last year.

The contingent fund this year will probably be made a big one as it will be the policy of the new board to let each department carry only what it should. That is, the street department will not be charged for new fills, or engineering work incidental to sewerage extensions, bridges, etc., and where a permanent improvement is needed by any department, it will come out of the contingent fund, appropriation being made by special ordinance.

One thing, the council will get no pay for special meetings. The appropriation act will allow for only forty meetings a year and as one councilman said, if a corporation or individual wants a special meeting to rush any matter through the boards it or they will have to foot the expense.

The new council will soon establish a system in every department of the city that will place it on a business basis. Some of the offices have been run very loosely and a study of their requirements is being made by members of the boards with a view to improvement. One will be a more business-like method of making pur-

chases for the departments and another in allowing the bills without the endorsement of the chief of the department for which purchases are made. But these matters will come up later.

The appropriation for streets will probably be cut some. Last year the appropriation was \$28,000.

A member of the board of public works said today there are 425 blocks of improved streets in the city, and the wear and tear on them increases each year. The suburbs are growing rapidly throwing heavier traffic on some of the back streets some of which have never had any money expended on them for improvements, but which it is now imperative should be given attention.

To sweep the improved streets, that is the brick and bitulithic, both those down and under contemplation, will cost \$5,700. The board wants to widen Broadway out beyond Fountain avenue, and to build a new street, which would be 21st street, from the Hinkleville road through Broadway via the old pest house and on to the depot, as the people in that end of the city are clamoring for such a street, claiming they now have to come down to Ninth street to cross over to the depot.

All the improved street intersections will come out of this fund, too, the board claims, as will the intersections for the pavements, and there are a good many low lots and fills the board is anxious to fill at once. The board will want about \$1,500 of new machinery to complete the Fourth street fill. The board asks for an appropriation of \$35,000, but it probably did not understand that the new council will not charge it with anything but actual street work. In its recommendations it asked for \$1,500 for the two bridges across Island creek and the council will take care of them, it thought with a special appropriation. The board was also figuring on an expense of \$1,000 for engineering work on the new sewerage district and this may be taken care of out of the contingent fund, as the boards have announced their intention of taking care of all needed improvements of such a nature in this way.

It may be decided, however, that the new boards will deem many of these improvements as much as they are needed and desired, unnecessary this year, and decline to provide for them until other things are looked after, and the taxpayers have had a breathing spell after three years of the most exorbitant taxation in the city's history. These things will probably be decided tonight. The desire of the boards seem to be to rescue the people from such strenuous taxation, even if for only one year.

Officials of the city think that the assessment will probably be increased this year over last 5 to 7 per cent. At 5 per cent, the increase in revenue would be \$6,000. The assessed valuation last year was between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000. The total revenues of the city were \$252,000. The new license ordinance will increase the revenues some, and there is no doubt of the council cutting the tax rate at least 25 cents on the \$1,000, and then making liberal allowances for needed improvements.

A member of the council said today that it is not beyond the pale of possibilities that the tax rate for next year would be placed at \$1.50, and liberal allowances made for all the departments. The council has found about \$20,000 to \$25,000 which can be cut from the annual appropriations and hopes that the assessment this year will run to the \$10,000,000 mark which would tend to lower the rate.

The appropriations contemplated for next year allow \$3,000 for preliminary work on the new sanitary sewerage district, which is ample, it is thought, and \$4,000 for the library, which will give the library about \$1,800 for new books. The schools will get 35c as directed by the law.

The street sprinkling question will be left to the street committees of both boards and a plan for sprinkling along the lines suggested by the board of works will probably be established.

KILLS POLICE CHIEF.

Proprietor of Oklahoma Dive Resents Closing of His Places.

Enid, Okla., Jan. 11.—John Cannon shot and killed Chief of Police Tom Radford, at the entrance of the Tony Faust saloon, The shots struck him in the back of the head and body. Sentiment is running high against the slayer.

The shooting is said to have been caused by the chief making efforts to close houses of ill fame conducted by Cannon. Radford was carried to a doctor's office. Cannon is in jail.

Sheriff Campbell took the prisoner presumably to Wakasha to catch a train for El Reno for safe keeping.

IS A RED MAN.

President Roosevelt Initiated Into the Mysteries.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—President Roosevelt was initiated as a member of the Improved Order of Red Men this morning. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of general officers of the organization. The Red Men boast of a membership of half a million.

SECRETARY COONS

RETURNS FROM AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS TRIP.

Goes to Washington Next Week to Attend National Waterways Convention.

Secretary D. W. Coons of the Commercial club, has returned from a trip to Chicago and Cincinnati and leaves again tomorrow for Cincinnati, whence he goes to Washington to attend the national waterways convention next week, and then on to New York to study the foreign immigration question with the view of getting some of it diverted to Paducah and this section of Kentucky.

Senator Wheeler Campbell has introduced the two bills the Commercial club sent him last week. One is to permit cities of the second class and counties to contribute to the support of commercial organizations and the other to permit cities of this class and counties to make donations to colleges and such institutions and Senator Campbell says he will do all he can to get them passed.

PARDON REFUSED.

A Former Rough Rider Who is in Colorado Penitentiary.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 11.—Gov. McDonald has refused to pardon Curtis C. Waggoner, who fought with the Rough Riders in Cuba and for whom President Roosevelt recently interceded. Waggoner confessed to horse stealing, and his term in the Colorado penitentiary will soon expire.

SIX HURT

By a Pullman on Wabash Train Jumping the Tracks.

St. Louis, Jan. 11.—Six persons were badly injured this morning when a Pullman car attached to a Wabash train from Chicago to Topeka left the tracks at Carr street. Those injured plunged through the windows of the car.

VESUVIUS ERUPTS.

Thousands of Tourists Enjoy Unusual Sight.

Naples, Italy, Jan. 11.—There was a sudden eruption of Mount Vesuvius Tuesday and the resultant scene of picturesque magnificence was witnessed by thousands of tourists, including many Americans. Three streams of lava reached the lower station of the funicular railroad, causing serious damage. There are indications that the activity of the volcano is increasing.

The eruption is thought to be connected with that of Mount Etna in Sicily, which is in a state of activity, without precedent since the eruption of 1899.

Mount Etna is now ejecting red ashes, which form an immense cone over the crater. These ashes are in striking contrast with the snow which covers the main portion of the volcano.

Three Bodies Unidentified.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Three bodies burned beyond recognition were taken from the ruins of the horror which occurred Monday night.

WITTE SAYS CZAR HAS SHOWN POWER

Victory Over Revolutionists Establishes the Autocracy.

Martial Law to be Declared For the "Red Sunday" Celebration.

LITTLE NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

Troops Fired On Crowd.

Ohatoff, Russian Poland, Jan. 11.—Troops fired upon and charged crowds here for over an hour yesterday. Many persons were killed or wounded.

To Commemorate Red Sunday.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—The workingmen's council is arranging for a monster procession which it is proposed to hold January 22, the anniversary of "Red Sunday," in memory of the "Martyrs" killed that day. It is reported the government intends to proclaim martial law in the city January 21 to continue in effect until all danger is over.

Uprising Strengthened Czar.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—In an interview today with several prominent Russian citizens, Premier Witte declared that the outcome of recent uprising in various parts of the country have been to strengthen the autocratic powers of the czar. He said, "The failure of the revolutionists means that all power remains in the hands of the czar, and he is now able to do anything he desires. The people have no voice in affairs."

GOEBEL DAY.

Kentucky Legislature Sets Apart January 30th.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 11.—The house of representatives today unanimously adopted resolutions setting apart January 30 as Goebel Memorial Day. The resolution provides for a committee to arrange a program to select a speaker.

TO THE PEN FOR CASSIE.

It is the Intention to Take Female High Financier Tomorrow.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick is to be taken to the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus tomorrow morning. Orders from the United States court to that effect have been delivered to U. S. Marshal Chandler.

MCNUTT WINS.

The Vote Was Very Decisive—No Expenses Allowed.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 11.—By a decisive vote the Sims-McNutt contest was decided in the senate in McNutt's favor. The report adopted allows Sims the contestee, no expenses.

Railroad Tunnels Collapsed.

Peppignan, France, Jan. 11.—The railroad tunnels being constructed on the Ville Franche line collapsed today, killing three men and burying twenty others alive. The work of trying to dig out the buried men is progressing.

Henderson's New Postmaster.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—It is said today that S. L. Ward will be appointed to succeed Worsham as postmaster at Henderson, Ky.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Wheat—	Open	Close.
May	87 1/2	88 1/2
July	84 1/2	84 1/2
Corn—		
May	45	45 1/2
July	45 1/2	45 1/2
Oats—		
May	52 1/4	52 1/4
Pork—		
May	14.02	14.20
Cotton—		
May	11.66	11.51
July	11.60	11.59
Jan.	11.35	11.26
Jan.	11.35	11.26
Jan.	11.53	11.43
Stocks—		
I. C.	1.75 1/2	1.76 1/2
L. & N.	1.52 1/2	1.53 1/2
T. C. I.	1.51	1.53 1/2
Rdg.	1.44	1.43 1/2
Money—6 per cent.		

WILL IT, OR NOT?

Question of Statehood Has Not Yet Been Settled.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—The statehood insurgents in the house, according to the latest claims, have secured pledges from 47 republicans to vote against any rule against a stipulated time for debate for or against the bill. The democrats line up with the republicans a hundred and eighty-four votes, only eight less than enough to defeat the Stalwarts. The Stalwarts claim that certain statehood will win out under the direction of Speaker Cannon.

TRAPPED MARSHAL.

Negro Fugitive Enticed Him Into the House and Murdered Him.

Stamps, Ark., Jan. 11.—City Marshal Few was killed while attempting to arrest Mathew Williams, a negro. Marshal Few was led into a trap in the house. The negro attacked him and seized his gun but the officer drew another revolver and killed Williams. Two other negroes rushed in and crushed Few's head with a spade. Both were arrested.

LIGHT PLANT

SHOULD BE ENLARGED, ALDERMAN MILLER THINKS.

He is in Favor of Adding an Incandescent Plant, Also, to the City's Present System.

Alderman W. T. Miller is one of the hardest working and most interested legislators in either of the legislative boards, and is always on the alert for any chance to give the city a lift or boost.

He is a frequent visitor to the city hall, and since his incumbency has been diving into the records of the city with a view of thoroughly acquainting himself with the ordinances and measures in effect now. He is working with Clerk Bailey to get together ordinances passed since the city ordinances were revised so that they may be published in pamphlet form.

Another one of Mr. Miller's ideas is in regard to improvements to the city electric plant. He outlined briefly his views in Clerk Bailey's office:

"I have been out with other aldermen and councilmen looking at the city electric light property," he explained, "and we have plenty of room to make improvements which will be of great benefit to the city. I say install machines for the incandescent light system and furnish the city with electric lights for buildings; furnish the residents too, and make a little money on the side. This can be done by extending the plant back on the side, and we have plenty of room to do this. I looked at the lot and there is abundance of room. I have studied this matter out and think that we can get subscribers to the city incandescent light plant, if one should be installed, to take so many lights for five years at a certain price. The plant would pay for itself and would be a safe venture for the city."

AWFUL TANGLE.

Is Being Found in Cleveland Financier's Books.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 11.—Expert accountants are digging into the books of Denison Prior & Co. and are finding a fearful tangle. It will probably take a week to unravel the affairs so the bankers' committee will be able to tell where the firm stands. That Prior's speculations involved the firm deeply is not doubted.

SLIPPED ON ICE.

And the Brakeman Met Death Under the Wheels of His Train.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 11.—Edward Long, a Louisville and Nashville freight brakeman, was instantly killed while making a coupling this morning. His foot slipped on the ice and he fell under the train. His head was severed and his body badly mangled. He lived at Covington.

MARSHALL FIELD.

Has Pneumonia and is in a Critical Condition.

New York, Jan. 11.—Marshall Field, the Chicago merchant prince, is said to be in the most critical condition at the Holland House. It is said he has pneumonia.

PRES. HARPER DIES AT HOME IN CHICAGO

Was One of the World's Most Noted Educators.

Had Been Ill For Several Years and His Case Was Always a Hopeless One.

THE FUNERAL WILL BE SUNDAY.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Dr. William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chicago, since its inception, one of the foremost educators, and one of the most learned Hebrew scholars of his time, died yesterday of cancer of the intestines. Three years ago, Dr. Harper underwent an operation for appendicitis and symptoms were then discovered which led the surgeons to suspect graver troubles might arise in the future.

February 22, 1905, an operation was decided upon to determine the nature and cause of severe abdominal pains from which he had suffered for several months. It was then discovered that Dr. Harper was suffering from cancer. Physicians decided there was nothing that could be done by them, and that the only hope of Dr. Harper lay in remedial measures alone. In a short time he left the hospital and took up his duties at the university as though nothing had happened or was likely to happen to him. Although Dr. Harper never deluded himself with false hopes, he faithfully attempted whatever offered him a hope of recovery. He visited Europe and remained for a time at Carlsbad, and he consulted the most eminent specialists of the continent. Despite all that was done for him he lost steadily.

Just prior to the holidays a portion of his strength came back, and it was thought that under the influence of a milder climate his health would improve. Preparations were made for the journey to the south, but at the last minute he was too feeble to attempt the trip and it was abandoned. During the last fortnight his strength failed rapidly and it was evident to his medical attendants the end could not be far off. His immediate relatives were summoned and all were at the house yesterday when he died.

The body will remain in charge of the family until Saturday. It will then be transferred to the Haskell assembly hall on the university grounds where it will lie in state until Sunday after midday under a guard of honor composed of students of the university. Funeral services will be held in Mandel Hall at the university Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by President Faunce of Brown University; Chancellor Andrews of the University of Nebraska, and Dean Judson of the University of Chicago.

Dr. Harper was born in New Concord, O., in July, 1856, graduated with the degree of A. B. from Muskingum college of that place in 1870. Then he went to Yale University, where he carried on studies of a special character in languages. Next year he acted as president of the Masonic college at Macon, Tenn. In 1876-79 he resided in Granville, O., as tutor in Denison University and principal of the Granville academy. In 1880 he was appointed professor of Hebrew in the Baptist Union Theological seminary of Chicago, where he remained for five years. Then he went to Yale as professor of Semitic languages, remaining until 1891, when he was elected president of the Chicago University and has remained at the head of the institution ever since.

Celebrates Eighty-First Birthday.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 11.—Major John W. Breathitt, the present postmaster and the oldest living citizen who was born within the limits of Hopkinsville, celebrated his eighty-first birthday Tuesday.

Major Breathitt was born in what is known as the Hopson place, one of the landmarks of this city, on January 9, 1825. His father was Jas. Breathitt, for many years commonwealth's attorney of this judicial district, and who was a brother of former Governor of Kentucky John Breathitt, who died while still in office.

Will Be Appreciated by the Public.

The street car company has put signs on all its cars stating which line the car runs which is a great convenience to its patrons.